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ADB REPORT ON WATER UTILITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its recent report has indicated the need of application of some techniques for better performance of the management of the water utilities; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its report namely `2007 Benchmarking and Data Book of Water Utilities in India` has analyzed various indicators such as Water supply coverage, water availability, consumption, unaccounted for water, production per person, connections metered , average tariff etc. It has suggested focusing attention on advocacy for more investment in the sector and greater coverage, 24X7 water supply, 100% metering o f both production and consumption, management of water losses, appropriate pricing, public awareness, appropriate tariffs to cover O&M costs and capacity building. These issues among others have engaged the attention of the Ministry and several steps to address them are being taken through schemes such as Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Town (UIDSSMT), formulation of service level benchmarks, issue of advisories, and capacity building on Urban Local Bodies, etc.